Terrorist Activities in Northern India

811. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of terrorist activities in the country are increasing day-by-day especially in Northern India;

(b) if so, how many innocent citizens have died during the last one year;

(c) whether Government are planning to form Special Task Force to dig out the terrorists; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been a definite decrease in terms of the number of incidents of terrorist violence, civilians and security forces killed in J&K. However, there have been four major incidents of terror during the current year. These are serial bomb blasts in Paharganj, Sarojini Nagar Market and near Okhla bus stop Kalkaji in Delhi (29.10.2005), bomb blast on shramjeevi Express at Hariharpur Railway crossing, Jaunpur Section, Uttar Pradesh (28.7.2005), unsuccessful terrorist attack at Ram Janam Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex in Ayodhya (5.7.2005) and twin bomb blasts in two Cinema Halls in Delhi (22.5.2005).

(b) to (d) During the current year (upto 31.10.2005) the number of civilians killed is 490 in J&K, 66 in serial bomb blasts and 1 in twin cinema bomb blasts in Delhi. In Uttar Pradesh, 14 civilians were killed in the Shramjeevi Express bomb blast and 1 civilian killed and 1 civilian succumbed to injuries later in the terrorist attack at Ram Janam Bhoomi Babri Masjid Complex in Ayodhya. In order to check the activities of the terrorists, militants and insurgents, almost all the State Governments have constituted Special Cells/Special Task Forces.

Attack on Minorities

812. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of incidents where institutions and people belonging to Minorities were attacked;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the incident in Kerala where a Bishop's House was attacked and damaged;

(d) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted into this incident;

(e) whether the culprits were brought to book; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (f) The Government are aware that communal incidents involving minorities and their institutions take place in the country. The available information regarding the number of communal incidents and the number of persons killed and injured therein for the years 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 (January to October) are given in the Statement. (*See* below). As regards the incident of attack on a Bishop's House in Kerala, as per available information some unidentified persons sneaked into Neyyattinkara Latin Catholic Bishop's House, Police Station: Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram on October 17, 2005, smashed the glass panes of the front door, damaged three vehicles parked in the Bishop's House premises and assaulted the watchman who was admitted in the Medical college, Thiruvananthapuram. Police has registered a case in this connection.The case was investigated by the Crime Branch and three persons were arrested in this connection. The attack was attributed to political rivalry and no communal angle was involved.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes as well as maintenance of data in respect of the identification of guilty, number of persons arrested etc. in connection with such incidents are the primary concerns of the State Governments and hence such data are not Centrally maintained.

Statement

THE NUMBER OF COMMUNAL INCIDENTS AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED/INJURED THEREIN DURING THE YEAR 2002, 2003, 2004 AND 2005 (Jan -October Tentative)

Name of the State	2002			2003			2004			2005 Tentative (Jan-October)		
	Incidents	Killed	Injured	Incidents	Killed	Injured	Incidents	Killed	Injured	Incidents	Killed	Injured
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A & N Island	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	16	3	20	18	8	71	13	1	54	9	3	11
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	8	1	11
Bihar	50	22	72	63	32	144	43	24	108	29	7	95

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Chandigarh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	1
Delhi	5	0	23	3	1	11	3	0	9	5	0	18
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goa	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Gujarat	135	977	2378	133	20	392	93	15	218	53	6	103
Haryana	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	5
Himachal Pradesh	2	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1
J & K	1	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jharkhand	14	6	69	14	10	41	16	3	52	16	2	55
Karnataka	103	13	331	64	9	260	72	7	274	39	1	158
Kerala	16	6	48	32	11	71	25	2	59	28	3	61
Lakshdweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	39	10	59	56	18	142	94	19	322	88	12	250
Maharashtra	95	42	752	125	12	578	109	17	352	132	9	249
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orissa	36	3	75	26	4	73	17	1	35	18	3	36
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	4
Rajasthan	61	1	253	34	9	62	32	4	105	63	10	150
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	42	5	54	22	3	30	15	0	31	20	2	47
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Uttaranchal	1	0	5	7	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	85	29	176	91	47	331	127	40	426	105	39	424
West Bengal	14	3	56	12	2	30	11	1	82	15	4	90
TOTAL:	722	1130	4375	711	193	2261	677	134	2132	641	104	1769

Rapid Response Forces for Natural Calamities

813. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by Government to train Rapid Response Forces for rescue and relief operations following natural calamities in the country; and